

*rea* D. & S. were also in small numbers with a few *Nomophila noctuella* D. & S. These species also persisted at Hope Cove near Salcombe where Mr Messenger saw a Humming-bird Hawk flying over valerian on the morning of 28th June.—C. G. M. DE WORMS, Three Oaks, Shores Road, Horsell, Woking, Surrey. 2.vii.1974.

SOME UNUSUAL DATES AT HORSELL DURING MAY AND EARLY JUNE 1974—The remarkably fine and warm spell which ushered in the latter half of May seems to have brought out species in some instances several weeks earlier than I normally see them in my m.v. trap here. I have therefore thought it of interest to enumerate these somewhat early records. May 18: *Tethea ocularis* L., *Eupithecia arceuthata* Mab.; May 20: *Apatele alni* L., *Semiothisa liturata* Clerck; May 30: *Hadena suasa* D. & S., *Phalera bucephala* L.; June 1: *Noctua pronuba* L.; June 2: *Apatele leporina* L., *Mysticoptera sexalisata* Retz., *Hydrelia flammeolaria* Hufn.; June 3: *Alcis repandata* L.; June 8: *Hepialus humuli* L.—C. G. M. DE WORMS, Three Oaks, Horsell, Surrey.

DISCOLOXIA BLOMERI CURT. IN HAMPSHIRE.—On the night of 14th June 1974 I took a male *D. blomeri* in my M.V. trap here. I understand from Mr Barry Goater that this is a new county record for Hampshire.—L. W. SIGGS, Sungate, Football Green, Minstead, Lyndhurst, Hants.

A TETRATOLOGICAL BROOD OF LARVAE OF *DANAUS CHRYSIPPUS* L. (LEP.: DANAIIDAE).—A small brood of eighteen larvae reared *ab ovo* contained no fewer than four larvae with structural abnormalities. One larva had an additional pair of tentaculæ on the 6th somite, slightly smaller than the normal pair on the 5th, another had one additional tentacula on the right hand side of the 6th somite, and two had small black points in the centre of the subdorsal spot on the 6th somite, one on the right side and one on the left.

This is the third occasion when I have reared a brood of larvae containing more than one structural abnormality. The other occasions were a brood of *Leucania irregularis* Wlk. (Noctuidae) (1948, *Entomologist*, **81**: 38) and a brood of *Euxanthe wakefieldi* Ward (Nymphalidae) (1965, *Entomologist*, **90**: 107), both instances of spiral segmentation.

It is also the second occasion that I have reared a larva of *chrysippus* with additional tentaculæ; a larva reared in Calcutta had a complete set of tentaculæ on the left side only, from the 2nd to the 12th somite inclusive, the other side having normal complement of tentaculæ on the 2nd, 5th and 11th somites (1946, *Entomologist*, **79**: 90). — D. G. SEVASTOPULO, F.R.E.S., P.O. Box 95026, Mombasa, Kenya.